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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT-OWNED PAPER COMMENTS AGAIN DISMISSED MINISTER

THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL TODAY AGAIN COMMENTS ON THE
DISMISSAL EARLY THIS WEEK BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF HOME AFFAIRS
MINISTER, AARON MILNER.

THE PAPER, WHICH APPEARS TO TAKE THE VIEW THAT THE FORMER MINISTER
MIGHT BE A VICTIM OF ENEMIES WITHIN THE ZAMBIAN POLITICAL
STRUCTURE WHO WISHED TO SEE HIM REMOVED, SAYS THAT AS A FRIEND OF
THE PRESIDENT, ANY ADVERSE REPORTS ABOUT MR. MILNER, IF LEFT TO STAND
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WOULD DO HARM TO THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT AND TO THE CAUSE OF THE
NATION.

STATING THAT THE PRESSURES ON ANY PRESIDENT OR HEAD OF STATE ARE
IMMENSE AND THAT "MAGNANIMITY MUST BE AN INTEGRAL PART" OF
ANY PRESIDENT'S CHARACTER, THE MAIL SAYS THAT ; "THIS WEEK,
PRESIDENT KAUNDA DECIDED IT WAS TIME THAT HE MADE PUBLIC HIS
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SPIRITUAL AGONY IN THE HOPE THAT THE NATION WOULD SHARE WITH HIM
THE IMMENSE PROBLEM THAT HAD BEEN CONSUMING HIM INSIDE."

SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THERE HAVE BEEN ALL TYPES OF SPECULATIONS,
"SOME OF THEM MOST BIZZARE" BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS,
ACCORDING TO THE MAIL.

THE PAPER IMPLIES THAT THE CURRENT WAVE OF DISMISSALS AND GOVERNMENT CHANGES HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY SOME AS A SIGN OF A FAVORABLE POLITICAL CLIMATE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S OPPONENTS IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS AND BY OTHERS AS A MOVE TO CREATE A SENSE OF FEAR IN THE MINDS OF THOSE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

ANY ADVERSE REPORTS ABOUT MR. MILNER, IF LEFT ALONE, COULD "CREATE A GREAT DEAL OF HARM TO MR. MILNER HIMSELF AND TO HIS FAMILY," THE PAPER STATES.

"IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF MR. MILNER HIMSELF THAT ALL THE FILTH WHICH HAD BEEN FLOATED BY HIS ENEMIES IS BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE SO THAT IT CAN BE GLEANED AND KNOWN FOR WHAT IT IS IF INDEED SOCIAL FILTH IT IS," THE MAIL EDITORIAL SAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, " IF MR. MILNER IS NOT CLEARED, THEN HE WILL ONLY HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME FOR BRINGING ALL THE EMBARRASSMENT TO HIS FRIENDS WHO INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY."

IN THE OPINION OF THE PAPER, "IF HE IS CLEARED, AS INDEED ALL HIS FIRENDS EXPECT HIM TO BE CLEARED, HE WILL EMERGE STRONG, CLEAN, PURE AND MORE POWERFUL THAN HIS ENEMIES WHO PLOTTED FOR HIS FALL."

THE MAIL GOES ON TO IMPLORE MR. MILNER "TO KEEP CLEAR OF THAT LEGION OF ENEMIES OF THE PARTY WHO REAPED ONLY THE WHIRLWIND UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM THE PARTY AS A RESULT OF THEIR OWN ACTIONS."

URGES THE PAPER: "ALL WE ASK OF MR. MILNER IS TO USE THE PERIOD OF MEDITATION AND SPIRITUAL REBIRTH LYING AHEAD TO SPEND HIS TIME PREACHING LOVE TO THE ENEMIES AND UNITY IN THE NATION."

THOSE WHO LOVE THE PRESIDENT, SAYS THE MAIL, AND ARE LOYAL TO HIM AS THE SYMBOL OF NATIONAL UNITY, CANNOT EXPECT TO BE LOVED BY THMSE WHO ARE NOT LOYAL TO THE NATIONAL CUASE.

"THE PRICE THAT ONE HAS TO PAY IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST FOR BEING A GOOD, LOYAL AND TRUSTWORTHY CITIZEN HAS SOMETIMES TO BE EXPECTED TO BE PRETTY HIGH," NOTES THE MAIL. ITEM USIS LUSAKA. BURNS

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